

Subject:Comments on Proposed Jordan Lake Rules  
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Rich Gannon,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me today concerning the proposed Jordan Lake rules.

We have reviewed the proposed rules in meetings of the Storm Water Working Group (SWWG) that is facilitated by the Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG). The members of the SWWG are staff from the various local governments that are members of the WPCOG. After our review, we feel that several points need to be made concerning the proposed rules:

- \* We are in favor of cleaning up the environment.
- \* We feel that we must be good stewards of the environment.
- \* The best way to do this is to develop an equitable way that is fair to all of the stakeholders.
- \* The proposed rules impose unprecedented requirements on local governments.
- \* The majority of pollution load reduction targets and associated costs of compliance will fall to the local governments in the form of WWTP upgrades, additional requirements on new development, retrofits on existing development to be paid for by the local governments, and expansion of local storm water programs.
- \* The existing Phase II storm water programs have not been fully implemented.
- \* The total costs of all these requirements is highly uncertain, but it must be borne almost exclusively by the local governments. Therefore, the financial burden on local governments is potentially overwhelming.

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My contact information is included below if you have any questions in regards to these comments.

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